

Netherthorpe Newsletter

24 October 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a very busy term filled with lots of exciting learning!

Here is a list of are some of our most recent trips:

- **Year 1 and Year 2** visited Graves Park: the children have been learning about different animals this half term and had the chance to see and feed many of them at the farm!



- **Year 5 and 6 girls** were recently in a football competition, showing off the skills they have been learning with our Sheffield United football coach! They did not win but played really well and had a great time.

• **Year 5 and Year 6** contributed to the “Making Masterpieces” mural in the centre of town. This project linked with artwork being created by children in Italy at the same time.

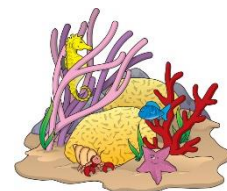


- **Year 6** went to an athletics competition at EIS on Monday. Once again, they did not win but tried their best and had lots of fun.
- **Year 5** have been swimming at Zest each Wednesday afternoon. Their lessons will continue until the end of next half term and then it will be Year 4's turn.



I hope that you found the Knowledge Organisers that we sent home useful. We will send new ones next half term for children in Year 1 to Year 6. If you are able to discuss the content and practise the vocabulary with your child/ren, this will help them with learning in school.

We have lots more events that are exciting planned for next half term, including a big trip for Year 3 and Year 4 to The Deep in Hull. This trip is a bit more expensive than most because the children will be travelling by coach. I assure you, it will be well worth it! The children will see the marine life they have been learning about as part of their topic, the Great Barrier Reef! We have limited places on the trip but if you are interested in attending with your child and are willing to pay the entrance fee separately, please come to the school office to book a place. (I am from Hull so I may be a bit biased, but it really will be a fantastic experience for the children.)





Next half term our afterschool football club will be for Year 5 and Year 6 boys. We will also be starting a lacrosse club, which is not exactly like Quidditch, but there are some similarities (there will not be any flying!). This club will initially be for Year 5 only.



The upcoming trip to The Deep and the afterschool clubs are outside of the normal school hours, therefore we are asking for your permission as per usual for your child/ren to attend. I would like to take this time to thank parents/ carers for signing the **general** permission letter. It is already making a positive impact for staff. **As promised, we will always inform you about any local trips for your child before it takes place.**



After the half term, the school lunch menus will have changed. Please find attached a copy of what our cooks will be providing your child/ren through the autumn/ winter term.

The first week back, **Monday 4th November**, will be having the school photographer in taking class photographs. Please make sure that your child is in their school uniform as normal.



On **Monday 11th November**, the nurses will be in to administer the flu vaccine to children with given permission.



At the beginning of the next half term, we will send you a letter about parent consultations. You will be asked to book an appointment to discuss your child/ren's learning. These meetings will be held during the second week of next half term. We will continue to hold parent meetings differently for children in Year 5 and Year 6. I will meet with you and the class teacher and we discuss your child/ren's current progress. Your child will attend these meetings and participate in the discussion about how well they think they are learning. Dates will be confirmed and a letter sent out on the first Monday back after the half term.

Its Winter Café time again! I am sure you can appreciate that the Winter Café takes a lot of organisation and we would be grateful for the help of parents and carers to prepare for the café. If you are interested and have a couple of hours to spare in December, please speak with Mrs Ainsley.



Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a wonderful half term. School reopens as normal on **Monday 4th November**. As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate in coming to see me.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Gray
(Headteacher)



